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MODERNISATION OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION FACTORIES JABALPUR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise the defence production factories at Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan is being formulated to provide work in view of less production orders;

(d) if so, whether the efforts being made to make production to complete with private factories; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For modernisation, the factory-wise details of proposed investment are as under (Rs. in Crores):-

	IXth Plan Expected	Xth Plan proposed	Areas of modernisation
Gun Carriage Factory (GCF):	17.34	61.00	Weapon systems
Ordnance Factory, Khamaria (OFK):	40.96	39.00	Ammunition Hardware filling
Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur (VFJ):	58.00	203.00	Military Transport Vehicles
Grey Iron Foundry (GIF):	4.31	13.00	Castings for Vehicles

(c) to (d): VFJ: With the present order book position, manpower resources of the factory can be fully deployed with in-house manufacture of components of a larger proportion. VFJ produces Transport Vehicles that include certain special features to meet the Army`s requirement and there are no comparable vehicles in the Civil sector.

GIF: Entire manpower is deployed for manufacturing components of `B` Vehicle and for meeting orders of Civil trade.Casting products for automobile components are comparable with the collaborators (M/s Ashok Leyland & Telco). Civil trade orders are also secured through open competition.

GCF& OFK: Adequate work-load to deploy the entire manpower is available at present in both the factories.The products of the Factories are specific to the Armed Forces and are not available in the civil sector.